vs:the other twvo toward vs,noting double thanke to be due to vs for the bene-
fit, we haue done.

Deaffly] Finelye and nimbly. Soote] Sweete. Meriment] Mirth.

Beuie] A beauie of Ladyes,is ſpoken figuratiuely for a company or troupe. the terme is taken of Larkes.For they ſay a Beuie of Larkes,euen as a Couey of Partridge, or an eye of Pheaſaunts.

Ladyes of the lake] be Nymphes.For it vvas an olde opinion amongſte the Auncient Heathen,that of euery ſpring and fountaine vvas a goddeſſe the Soueraigne. VVhiche opinion ſtucke in the myndes of men not manye yeares ſithence,by meanes of certain fine fablers and lowd lyers,ſuch as were the Authors of King Arthure the great and ſuch like,who tell many an vnlavvfull leaſing of the Ladyes of the Lake,that is,the Nymphes. For the word Nymphe in Greeke ſignifieth VVell water,or othervviſe a Spouſe or Bryde.

Bedighte] called or named.

Cloris]the name of a Nymph,and ſignifieth greeneſſe,of vvhome is ſayd, that Zephyrus the VVeſterne wind being in loue with her,and coueting her to wyfe, gaueher for a dowrie, the chiefedome and ſoueraigntye of al flowres and greene herbes, growing on earth.

Oliues bene] The Oliue vvas vvont to be the enſigne of Peace and quietneſſe, eyther for that it cannot be planted and pruned,and ſo carefully looked to,as it ought, but in time of peace:or els for that the Oliue tree, they ſay, vvill not growe neare the Firre tree, vvhich is dedicate to Mars the God of battaile, and vſed moſt for ſpeares and other inſtruments of warre.VVhereupon is finely feigned, that vvhen Neptune and Minerua ſtroue for the naming of the citie of Athens, Neptune ſtriking the ground with his mace, cauſed a horſe to come forth,that importeth vvarre,but at Mineruaes ſtroke ſprong out an Oliue, to note that it ſhould be a nurſe of learning,and ſuch peaceable ſtudies.

Binde your] Spoken rudely,and according to ſhepheardes ſimplicitye.

Bring] all theſe be names of flovvers. Sops in vvine a flovvre in colour much like to a Coronation,but differing in ſmel and quantitye.Flowre delice,that which they vſe to miſterme,Flovvre de luce,being in Latine called Flos delitiarum.

A Bellibone] or a Bonibell. homely ſpoken for a fayre mayde or Bondaſſe.

Forſvvonck and forſwatt] ouerlaboured and ſunneburnt.

I ſavv Phœbus]the ſunne. A ſenſible Narration,& preſent vievv of the thing mentioned, which they call ὑποτύπωσιν.

Cynthia] the Moone ſo called of Cynthus a hyll,vvhere ſhe vvas honoured.

Latonaes ſeede] VVas Apollo and Diana. VVhom vvhen as Niobe the vvife of Amphion ſcorned,in reſpect of the noble fruict of her vvombe, namely her ſeuen ſonnes,and ſo many daughters,Latona being therevvith diſpleaſed, commaunded her ſonne Phœbus to ſlea al the ſonnes,and Diana all the daughters:vvhereat the vnfortunate Niobe being ſore diſmayed, and lamenting out of meaſure, vvas feigned of the Poetes, to be turned into a ſtone vpon the ſepulchre of her children.for vvhich cauſe the ſhepheard ſayth,he vvill not compare her to them, for feare of like myſfortune.

Now riſe] is the concluſion.For hauing ſo decked her vvith prayſes and compariſons,he returne

returneth all the thanck of hys labour to the e

VVhen Damſins] A baſe revvard of a clovvniſh giuer.

Yblent] Y, is a poeticall addition.blent blinded.

Embleme.

This Poeſye is taken out of Virgile,and there of him vſ
mother Venus,appearing to him in likeneſſe o
ing there moſt diuinely ſet forth.To vvhich ſi
comparing the excelency of Eliſa,and being
ſong,as it were,ouercome with the hugeneſſe
in great admiration,(O quam te memorẽ virg
by ſoddein ſilence,to expreſſe the vvorthineſſe
anſvvereth vvith another part of the like verſ
approuaunce,that Eliſa is novvhit inferiour to
that Poete ſo boldly pronounced,O dea certe

Maye.

Ægloga Quin

ARGVMENT

In this firſte Ægogue, vnder the perſons of
linodie,be repreſented two formes of paſtour
ſtant and the Catholique: whoſe chiefe talke ſt
the life of the one muſt be like the other. with v
is daungerous to maintaine any felowſhip,or gi